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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Methods and Compositions for Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules
Using Multiple Recognition Sites**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$1,200.00 to cover:
\$1,020.00 Three (3) month extension of time fee; and
\$ 180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee;
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Courtesy copy of the Preliminary Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115 filed on March 4, 2004, along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard acknowledging receipt thereof;
5. Courtesy copy of the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment filed on March 5, 2004, along with a copy of the date-stamped postcard acknowledging receipt thereof;
6. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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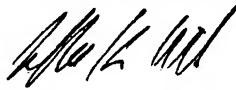
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